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Requested by Representative HUDSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3026**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; creating new pro-
2 visions; amending ORS 181A.410, 192.690, 279A.050, 348.295 and 350.426 and
3 section 40, chapter 95, Oregon Laws 2024; and declaring an emergency”.

4 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. ORS 192.690, as amended by section 43, chapter 95, Oregon
6 Laws 2024, is amended to read:**

7 “192.690. (1) ORS 192.610 to 192.705 do not apply to any of the following:

8 “(a) Deliberations of the Psychiatric Security Review Board or the State
9 Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision.

10 “(b) Deliberations of state agencies conducting hearings on contested
11 cases in accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 183.

12 “(c) Deliberations of the Workers’ Compensation Board or the Employ-
13 ment Appeals Board of similar hearings on contested cases.

14 “(d) Meetings of the state lawyers assistance committee operating under
15 the provisions of ORS 9.568.

16 “(e) Meetings of the personal and practice management assistance com-
17 mittees operating under the provisions of ORS 9.568.

18 “(f) Meetings of county child abuse multidisciplinary teams required to
19 review child abuse cases in accordance with the provisions of ORS 418.747.

20 “(g) Meetings of child fatality review teams required to review child
21 fatalities in accordance with the provisions of ORS 418.785.

1 “(h) Meetings of peer review committees in accordance with the pro-
2 visions of ORS 441.055.

3 “(i) Mediation conducted under ORS 36.252 to 36.268.

4 “(j) Any judicial proceeding.

5 “(k) Meetings of the Oregon Health and Science University Board of Di-
6 rectors or its designated committee regarding candidates for the position of
7 president of the university or regarding sensitive business, financial or
8 commercial matters of the university not customarily provided to competitors
9 related to financings, mergers, acquisitions or joint ventures or related to
10 the sale or other disposition of, or substantial change in use of, significant
11 real or personal property, or related to health system strategies.

12 “(L) Oregon Health and Science University faculty or staff committee
13 meetings.

14 “(m) Meetings of Transfer Council subcommittees that are established
15 under ORS 350.426 and that relate to the common course numbering system
16 and the coordination, establishment, alignment, effectiveness and mainte-
17 nance of foundational curricula **or unified statewide transfer**
18 **agreements.**

19 “(n) Communications between or among members of a governing body that
20 are:

21 “(A) Purely factual or educational in nature and that convey no deliber-
22 ation or decision on any matter that might reasonably come before the gov-
23 erning body;

24 “(B) Not related to any matter that, at any time, could reasonably be
25 foreseen to come before the governing body for deliberation and decision; or

26 “(C) Nonsubstantive in nature, such as communication relating to sched-
27 uling, leaves of absence and other similar matters.

28 “(2) Because of the grave risk to public health and safety that would be
29 posed by misappropriation or misapplication of information considered dur-
30 ing such review and approval, ORS 192.610 to 192.705 shall not apply to re-

1 view and approval of security programs by the Energy Facility Siting
2 Council pursuant to ORS 469.530.

3 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 350.426 is amended to read:

4 “350.426. (1) The Transfer Council is established, consisting of 15 voting
5 members, appointed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, and
6 one nonvoting, ex officio member.

7 “(2) Before appointing the voting members, the commission shall request
8 nominations from official student, faculty and administrator organizations
9 at public universities listed in ORS 352.002, community colleges operated
10 under ORS chapter 341 and high schools in this state. The 15 voting members
11 of the council shall consist of:

12 “(a) Five academic officers, two of whom are currently employed at a
13 public university, two of whom are currently employed at a community col-
14 lege and one of whom is currently employed at a public high school in this
15 state;

16 “(b) Four faculty members, two of whom are currently employed at a
17 public university and two of whom are currently employed at a community
18 college;

19 “(c) One teacher who both teaches accelerated college credit programs as
20 defined in ORS 340.315 and is currently employed either by an education
21 service district or at a public high school in this state;

22 “(d) Two individuals who specialize in assisting students who transfer
23 between institutions, one of whom is currently employed at a public univer-
24 sity and one of whom is currently employed at a community college; and

25 “(e) Three students, one of whom is currently enrolled at a public uni-
26 versity, one of whom is currently enrolled at a community college and one
27 of whom is currently enrolled at a high school in this state.

28 “(3) The chairperson of the commission, or a designee of the chairperson
29 of the commission, shall serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member.

30 “(4)(a) The term of office of each voting member of the council is two

1 years. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the commission shall
2 appoint a successor. A member is eligible for reappointment.

3 “(b) In order to serve as a member of the council, an individual must at
4 all times meet the qualifications for the appointment. If at any time a mem-
5 ber fails to meet the qualifications for the member’s appointment, the posi-
6 tion is vacant.

7 “(c) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the commission shall make an
8 appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

9 “(5)(a) The council:

10 “(A) Shall select one or more of its members as chairperson or as
11 cochairpersons; and

12 “(B) May establish, in the manner set forth in this subsection, one or
13 more subcommittees for the purpose of advising the council on how to best
14 fulfill its duties.

15 “(b) For a subcommittee established under this subsection that will make
16 recommendations to the council on issues that primarily relate to curric-
17 ulum, the subject matter of courses or disciplines or methods of instruction,
18 the council may appoint any faculty member who is employed by a public
19 university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college operated under ORS
20 chapter 341, provided that the subcommittee consists of equal numbers of
21 faculty from public universities and community colleges.

22 **“(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, the council**
23 **may a appoint a subcommittee that does not have equal numbers of**
24 **faculty from public universities and community colleges if the council**
25 **determines that equal representation is not practical due to the un-**
26 **even distribution of responsive curriculum, courses or disciplines be-**
27 **tween public universities and community colleges.**

28 “[c)] (d) For a subcommittee other than a subcommittee described in
29 paragraph (b) of this subsection, the council may appoint any individual
30 employed by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college

1 operated under ORS chapter 341, including faculty, registrars, academic ad-
2 visors and academic administrators. A subcommittee established under this
3 paragraph may not make recommendations to the council on issues that
4 primarily relate to curriculum, the subject matter of courses or disciplines
5 or methods of instruction.

6 “[~~(d)~~] (e) Appointment to a subcommittee established under this sub-
7 section does not entitle an individual to vote as a member of the council.

8 “(6)(a) A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a
9 quorum for the transaction of business.

10 “(b)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, official
11 action by the council requires the approval of a majority of the voting
12 members of the council.

13 “(B) Official action by the council on recommendations to be made to the
14 commission under ORS 350.429 (1)(d)(A) to (D) requires the approval of
15 three-fifths of the voting members of the council.

16 “(c) Two or more voting members of the council who disagree with rec-
17 ommendations that are submitted to the commission under ORS 350.429
18 (1)(d)(A) to (D) may jointly submit a minority report to the commission that
19 contains alternate recommendations. A minority report created under this
20 paragraph shall be submitted to the commission with the majority recom-
21 mendations.

22 “(7)(a) A majority of the members of a subcommittee established under
23 subsection (5) of this section constitutes a quorum for the transaction of
24 business of the subcommittee.

25 “(b)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, official
26 action by a subcommittee established under subsection (5) of this section
27 requires approval of a majority of the members of the subcommittee.

28 “(B) Official action by a subcommittee on recommendations to be made
29 to the council on a subject that will be submitted by the council to the
30 commission under ORS 350.429 (1)(d)(A) to (D) requires the approval of

1 three-fifths of the members of the subcommittee.

2 “(c) Two or more members of a subcommittee who disagree with recom-
3 mendations that are submitted to the council on a subject that will be sub-
4 mitted by the council to the commission under ORS 350.429 (1)(d)(A) to (D)
5 may jointly submit a minority report to the council that contains alternate
6 recommendations. A minority report created under this paragraph shall be
7 submitted to the council with the majority recommendations.

8 “(8)(a) The council shall meet at least every three months at a place, day
9 and hour determined by the chairperson or cochairpersons.

10 “(b) In addition to the meetings required under paragraph (a) of this
11 subsection, the commission may call a meeting of the council if the com-
12 mission finds a meeting to be necessary and a meeting is not called by the
13 chairperson or cochairpersons.

14 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 181A.410 is amended to read:

15 “181A.410. (1) In accordance with any applicable provision of ORS chapter
16 183, to promote enforcement of law and fire services by improving the com-
17 petence of public safety personnel and their support staffs, and in consulta-
18 tion with the agencies for which the Board on Public Safety Standards and
19 Training and Department of Public Safety Standards and Training provide
20 standards, certification, accreditation and training:

21 “(a) The department shall recommend, and the board shall establish by
22 rule, reasonable minimum standards of physical, emotional, intellectual and
23 moral fitness for public safety personnel and instructors.

24 “(b) The department shall recommend, and the board shall establish by
25 rule, reasonable minimum training for all levels of professional development,
26 basic through executive, including but not limited to courses or subjects for
27 instruction and qualifications for public safety personnel and instructors.
28 Training requirements shall be consistent with the funding available in the
29 department’s legislatively approved budget.

30 “(c) The department, in consultation with the board, shall establish by

1 rule a procedure or procedures to be used by law enforcement units, public
2 or private safety agencies or the Oregon Youth Authority to determine
3 whether public safety personnel meet minimum standards or have minimum
4 training.

5 “(d) Subject to such terms and conditions as the department may impose,
6 the department shall certify instructors and public safety personnel, except
7 youth correction officers, as being qualified under the rules established by
8 the board.

9 “(e) The department shall deny applications for training and deny, sus-
10 pend and revoke certification in the manner provided in ORS 181A.630,
11 181A.640 and 181A.650 (1).

12 “(f) The department shall cause inspection of standards and training for
13 instructors and public safety personnel, except youth correction officers, to
14 be made.

15 “(g) The department may recommend, and the board may establish by rule,
16 accreditation standards, levels and categories for mandated and nonmandated
17 public safety personnel training or educational programs. The department
18 and board, in consultation, may establish to what extent training or educa-
19 tional programs provided by an accredited university, college, community
20 college or public safety agency may serve as equivalent to mandated training
21 or as a prerequisite to mandated training. Programs offered by accredited
22 universities, colleges or community colleges may be considered equivalent to
23 mandated training only in academic areas.

24 “(h) The department shall recommend, and the board shall establish by
25 rule, an educational program that the board determines will be most effective
26 in reducing profiling, as defined in ORS 131.915, by police officers and re-
27 serve officers. The program must be required at all levels of training, in-
28 cluding basic training and advanced, leadership and continuing training.

29 “(2) The department may:

30 “(a) Contract or otherwise cooperate with any person or agency of gov-

ernment for the procurement of services or property;

“(b) Procure or supervise the procurement of goods and services, as defined in ORS 279A.010, and personal services designated under ORS 279A.055, to meet the requirements of subsection (1) of this section in accordance with ORS 279A.050 [(6)(n)] **(6)(o)**;

“(c) Accept gifts or grants of services or property;

“(d) Establish fees for determining whether a training or educational program meets the accreditation standards established under subsection (1)(g) of this section;

“(e) Maintain and furnish to law enforcement units and public and private safety agencies information on applicants for appointment as instructors or public safety personnel, except youth correction officers, in any part of the state; and

“(f) Establish fees to allow recovery of the full costs incurred in providing services to private entities or in providing services as experts or expert witnesses.

“(3) The department, in consultation with the board, may:

“(a) Upon the request of a law enforcement unit or public safety agency, conduct surveys or aid cities and counties to conduct surveys through qualified public or private agencies and assist in the implementation of any recommendations resulting from such surveys.

“(b) Upon the request of law enforcement units or public safety agencies, conduct studies and make recommendations concerning means by which requesting units can coordinate or combine their resources.

“(c) Conduct and stimulate research to improve the police, fire service, corrections, adult parole and probation, emergency medical dispatch and telecommunicator professions.

“(d) Provide grants from funds appropriated or available therefor, to law enforcement units, public safety agencies, special districts, cities, counties and private entities to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

1 “(e) Provide optional training programs for persons who operate lockups.
2 The term ‘lockup’ has the meaning given it in ORS 169.005.

3 “(f) Provide optional training programs for public safety personnel and
4 their support staffs.

5 “(g) Enter into agreements with federal, state or other governmental
6 agencies to provide training or other services in exchange for receiving
7 training, fees or services of generally equivalent value.

8 “(h) Upon the request of a law enforcement unit or public safety agency
9 employing public safety personnel, except youth correction officers, grant an
10 officer, fire service professional, telecommunicator or emergency medical
11 dispatcher a multidiscipline certification consistent with the minimum re-
12 quirements adopted or approved by the board. Multidiscipline certification
13 authorizes an officer, fire service professional, telecommunicator or emer-
14 gency medical dispatcher to work in any of the disciplines for which the of-
15 ficer, fire service professional, telecommunicator or emergency medical
16 dispatcher is certified. The provisions of ORS 181A.500, 181A.520 and
17 181A.530 relating to lapse of certification do not apply to an officer or fire
18 service professional certified under this paragraph as long as the officer or
19 fire service professional maintains full-time employment in one of the certi-
20 fied disciplines and meets the training standards established by the board.

21 “(i) Establish fees and guidelines for the use of the facilities of the
22 training academy operated by the department and for nonmandated training
23 provided to federal, state or other governmental agencies, private entities or
24 individuals.

25 “(4) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the board, in consultation with the
26 department, shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the board’s duties and
27 powers.

28 “(5) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the department, in consultation with
29 the board, shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the department’s duties
30 and powers.

1 “(6) For efficiency, board and department rules may be adopted jointly as
2 a single set of combined rules with the approval of the board and the de-
3 partment.

4 “(7) The department shall obtain approval of the board before submitting
5 its legislative concepts, Emergency Board request or agency request budget
6 to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

7 “(8) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall de-
8 velop a training program for conducting investigations required under ORS
9 181A.790.

10 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 279A.050 is amended to read:

11 “279A.050. (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting
12 Code, a contracting agency shall exercise all of the contracting agency’s
13 procurement authority in accordance with the provisions of the Public Con-
14 tracting Code.

15 “(b) If a contracting agency has authority under this section to carry out
16 functions described in this section, or has authority to make procurements
17 under a provision of law other than the Public Contracting Code, the con-
18 tracting agency need not exercise the contracting agency’s authority in ac-
19 cordance with the provisions of the code if, under ORS 279A.025, the code
20 does not apply to the contract or contracting agency.

21 “(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection
22 and the Public Contracting Code, for state agencies the Director of the
23 Oregon Department of Administrative Services has all the authority avail-
24 able to carry out the provisions of the Public Contracting Code.

25 “(b) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, for
26 state agencies the director may delegate to the State Chief Information Of-
27 ficer the authority to procure or supervise the procurement of all goods,
28 services and personal services related to information technology and tele-
29 communications for state contracting agencies. This paragraph does not ap-
30 ply to contracts under which the contractor delivers to the state agency

1 information technology products or services incidentally in performing a
2 personal services contract described in ORS chapter 279C or a construction
3 contract described in ORS chapter 279C.

4 “(3) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, the
5 Director of Transportation has all the authority available to:

6 “(a) Procure or supervise the procurement of all services and personal
7 services to construct, acquire, plan, design, maintain and operate passenger
8 terminal facilities and motor vehicle parking facilities in connection with
9 any public transportation system in accordance with ORS 184.689 (5);

10 “(b) Procure or supervise the procurement of all goods, services, public
11 improvements and personal services that relate to operating, maintaining or
12 constructing highways, bridges and other transportation facilities that are
13 subject to the authority of the Department of Transportation; and

14 “(c) Establish standards for, prescribe forms for and conduct the pre-
15 qualification of prospective bidders on public improvement contracts that
16 relate to operating, maintaining or constructing highways, bridges and other
17 transportation facilities that are subject to the authority of the Department
18 of Transportation.

19 “(4) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, the
20 Secretary of State has all the authority to procure or supervise the pro-
21 curement of goods, services and personal services related to programs under
22 the authority of the Secretary of State.

23 “(5) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, the
24 State Treasurer has all the authority to procure or supervise the procure-
25 ment of goods, services and personal services related to programs under the
26 authority of the State Treasurer.

27 “(6) The state agencies listed in this subsection have all the authority to
28 do the following in accordance with the Public Contracting Code:

29 “(a) The Department of Human Services to procure or supervise the pro-
30 curement of goods, services and personal services under ORS 179.040 for the

1 department's institutions and the procurement of goods, services and per-
2 sonal services for constructing, demolishing, exchanging, maintaining, oper-
3 ating and equipping housing for the purpose of providing care to individuals
4 with intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities, subject to
5 applicable provisions of ORS 427.335;

6 “(b) The Oregon Health Authority to procure or supervise the procure-
7 ment of goods, services and personal services under ORS 179.040 and con-
8 struction materials, equipment and supplies for the authority's institutions
9 and the procurement of goods, services, personal services, construction ma-
10 terials, equipment and supplies for constructing, demolishing, exchanging,
11 maintaining, operating and equipping housing for individuals with chronic
12 mental illness, subject to applicable provisions of ORS 426.504;

13 “(c) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife to procure or supervise
14 the procurement of construction materials, equipment, supplies, services and
15 personal services for public improvements, public works or ordinary con-
16 struction described in ORS 279C.320 that is subject to the authority of the
17 State Department of Fish and Wildlife;

18 “(d) The State Parks and Recreation Department to procure or supervise
19 the procurement of all goods, services, public improvements and personal
20 services related to state parks;

21 “(e) The Oregon Department of Aviation to procure or supervise the pro-
22 curement of construction materials, equipment, supplies, services and per-
23 sonal services for public improvements, public works or ordinary
24 construction described in ORS 279C.320 that is subject to the authority of
25 the Oregon Department of Aviation;

26 “(f) The Oregon Business Development Department to procure or super-
27 vise the procurement of all goods, services, personal services and public im-
28 provements related to its foreign trade offices operating outside the state;

29 “(g) The Housing and Community Services Department to procure or su-
30 pervise the procurement of goods, services and personal services that are

1 unrelated to the department's duties prescribed in ORS chapters 456 and 458,
2 and not otherwise provided for by ORS 456.625 (19);

3 “(h) The Department of Corrections to procure or supervise the procure-
4 ment of construction materials, equipment, supplies, services and personal
5 services for public improvements, public works or ordinary construction de-
6 scribed in ORS 279C.320 that is subject to the authority of the Department
7 of Corrections;

8 “(i) The Department of Corrections, subject to any applicable provisions
9 of ORS 279A.120, 279A.125, 279A.145 and 283.110 to 283.395, to procure or
10 supervise the procurement of goods, services and personal services under
11 ORS 179.040 for its institutions;

12 “(j) The Department of Veterans' Affairs to procure or supervise the pro-
13 curement of real estate broker and principal real estate broker services re-
14 lated to programs under the department's authority;

15 “(k) The Oregon Military Department to procure or supervise the pro-
16 curement of construction materials, equipment, supplies, services and per-
17 sonal services for public improvements, public works or ordinary
18 construction described in ORS 279C.320 that is subject to the authority of
19 the Oregon Military Department;

20 “(L) The Department of Education, subject to any applicable provisions
21 of ORS 329.075, 329.085 and 329.485 and the federal Every Student Succeeds
22 Act (P.L. 114-95, 129 Stat. 1802), to procure or supervise the procurement of
23 goods, services, personal services and information technology related to stu-
24 dent assessment;

25 “(m) The Department of Early Learning and Care to procure or supervise
26 the procurement of goods, services, personal services and information tech-
27 nology related to the authority of the department or the Early Learning
28 Council; *[and]*

29 **“(n) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission to procure or**
30 **supervise the procurement of goods, services, personal services and**

1 **information technology related to the authority of the commission;**
2 **and**

3 “[(n)] (o) Any state agency to conduct a procurement when the agency is
4 specifically authorized by any provision of law other than the Public Con-
5 tracting Code to enter into a contract.

6 “(7)(a) Notwithstanding this section and ORS 279A.140 (1), the Director
7 of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services has exclusive author-
8 ity, unless the director delegates the authority, to procure or supervise the
9 procurement of all price agreements on behalf of the state agencies identified
10 in subsection (6) of this section under which more than one state agency may
11 order goods, services or personal services.

12 “(b) The director may delegate to the State Chief Information Officer the
13 exclusive authority to procure or supervise the procurement of all price
14 agreements related to information technology and telecommunications on
15 behalf of the state agencies identified in subsection (6) of this section.
16 Notwithstanding any authority that a state agency may have under sub-
17 section (3) or (6) of this section, the state agency may not establish a price
18 agreement or enter into a contract for goods, services or personal services
19 without the approval of the director or the State Chief Information Officer
20 if the director or the State Chief Information Officer has established a price
21 agreement for the goods, services or personal services.

22 “(c) The State Chief Information Officer may review any solicitation
23 document for procuring information technology or telecommunications that
24 a state agency intends to issue before the state agency issues the solicitation
25 document and may require the state agency to name the State Chief Infor-
26 mation Officer as a third-party beneficiary with full authority to enforce the
27 terms and conditions of any public contract for information technology or
28 telecommunications. The State Chief Information Officer must approve a
29 state agency’s procurement for information technology or telecommuni-
30 cations if the procurement has an anticipated contract price of \$1 million

1 or more. The State Chief Information Officer may require the state agency
2 to name the State Chief Information Officer as the contracting party on be-
3 half of the State of Oregon in a procurement for information technology or
4 telecommunications that has an anticipated contract price of \$1 million or
5 more.

6 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 348.295 is amended to read:

7 “348.295. (1) In addition to any other form of student financial aid au-
8 thorized by law, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may award
9 scholarships to [*culturally and linguistically diverse*] teacher candidates **who**
10 **have experience with diverse populations** to use at approved educator
11 preparation providers, as defined in ORS 342.120[, *for the purpose of advanc-*
12 *ing the goal described in ORS 342.437 (1)(a)*].

13 “(2) Scholarships awarded under this section shall be in amounts of
14 \$12,000 each academic year, for a maximum of [*two*] **the equivalent of two**
15 **full-time** academic years.

16 “(3) The commission shall adopt rules necessary for the implementation
17 and administration of this section in consultation with the Educator Ad-
18 vancement Council and the Department of Education. **Rules adopted under**
19 **this subsection shall address the ways candidates may demonstrate**
20 **experience with diverse populations, the establishment of grant**
21 **amounts and parameters for awarding grants.**

22 “(4) As used in this section:

23 “(a) **‘Diverse’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 342.433.**

24 “[*(a)*] (b) ‘Teacher candidate’ means an individual who is preparing to be
25 a teacher or other school professional licensed, registered or certified by the
26 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

27 “[*(b)*] (c) ‘Teacher candidate’ does not mean an individual who is prepar-
28 ing to be an administrator.

29 **“SECTION 6.** Notwithstanding the amendments to ORS 348.295 by
30 **section 5 of this 2025 Act, a student who has received a grant and is**

1 eligible for renewal of that grant under the version of ORS 348.295 in
2 effect prior to the effective date of this 2025 Act shall continue to be
3 eligible for renewal of the grant, provided the student complies with
4 eligibility requirements established by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

6 **“SECTION 7.** The amendments to ORS 348.295 by section 5 of this
7 2025 Act first apply to grants awarded for the 2025-2026 academic year.

8 **“SECTION 8.** (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission,
9 in consultation with community colleges and public universities described in ORS 352.002, shall conduct a study regarding reporting requirements affecting public institutions of higher education and the commission.

13 **“(2) The study must:**

14 **“(a) Inventory all existing laws that require public institutions of
15 higher education to report information to the commission;**

16 **“(b) Inventory all existing laws that require public institutions or
17 the commission to report information to the Legislative Assembly, a
18 committee of the Legislative Assembly or the Governor; and**

19 **“(c) Provide recommendations for improving the efficiency, relevance and quality of reporting in higher education, including but not
20 limited to:**

22 **“(A) Proposals to eliminate reports, consolidate reports, alter the
23 frequency of reports, modify due dates of reports or adjust the content
24 of reports; and**

25 **“(B) Proposals for new reporting requirements that improve analysis and comprehension of activities and outcomes for the higher education systems in this state.**

28 **“(3)(a) The proposals for new reporting requirements described in
29 subsection (2)(c)(B) of this section must primarily rely on existing
30 human resource and technology capacities, including any capacity that**

1 results from proposals submitted under subsection (2)(c)(A) of this
2 section.

3 “(b) The commission shall specify if any recommendation would
4 require an increase in capacity to carry out, including the potential
5 fiscal impact of the recommendation.

6 “(4) The commission shall submit a report on the study conducted
7 under this section in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may
8 include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees
9 of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education no later than
10 November 15, 2026.

11 “SECTION 9. Section 8 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2,
12 2027.

13 “SECTION 10. Section 40, chapter 95, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to
14 read:

15 “**Sec. 40.** (1) As used in this section:

16 “(a) ‘Forestry sector’ means private businesses, nonprofit organizations,
17 educational and workforce providers and public entities that are engaged in
18 logging, forestation, wildland fire prevention and suppression, construction
19 and maintenance of roads required for forestry, aggregate production of
20 forestry products, trucking related to forestry, tree services, technical and
21 professional services required for forestry, forest surveying, fuel mitigation
22 efforts related to forestry, forestry habitat restoration, watershed improve-
23 ment, crop tree release and stand improvement, forest tract management, tree
24 nurseries, mechanical services for forestry, provision of forestry products,
25 training resources for the forestry workforce, educational resources for the
26 forestry workforce, human resources for the forestry workforce and other
27 in-forest or forest-affiliated services.

28 “(b) ‘Forestry workforce’ means the owners, proprietors, partners and
29 employees of companies and organizations composing the forestry sector.

30 “(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall conduct a

1 forestry workforce study to assist the commission in understanding and ad-
2 dressing challenges in Oregon's forestry workforce.

3 “(3) The study conducted under this section shall:

4 “(a) Identify existing secondary and post-secondary education, training,
5 apprenticeship and workforce development programs that prepare Oregonians
6 for careers in the forestry workforce;

7 “(b) Collect data on participation in, completion of and employment out-
8 comes for programs identified in paragraph (a) of this subsection;

9 “(c) Identify the number, type and location of businesses, nonprofit or-
10 ganizations, education and workforce providers and public entities composing
11 the forestry sector in this state;

12 “(d) Collect data on the number, occupations, industries, wages and de-
13 mographics of the forestry workforce in this state;

14 “(e) Assess current and projected forestry workforce needs;

15 “(f) Identify challenges faced by the forestry sector in retaining and re-
16 cruiting the forestry workforce; and

17 “(g) Develop recommendations to enhance the recruitment and retention
18 of the forestry workforce.

19 “(4) When conducting the study under this section, the commission shall:

20 “(a) Assess the current forestry workforce, the workforce's demographics
21 and needs and the community benefits of forestry. The assessment required
22 under this paragraph shall take into consideration state plans and initiatives
23 related to forest health, climate and economic development that may influ-
24 ence the demands on the forestry workforce.

25 “(b) Collaborate with Oregon business associations that represent private
26 forest employers and forest management enterprises to assess the future
27 forestry workforce capacity requirements, as well as the potential impacts,
28 benefits and opportunities for the forestry workforce.

29 “(c) Consult with state and federal economic development, labor, employ-
30 ment and licensing agencies to account for current tracking and monitoring

1 techniques for the forestry workforce and to ensure that the study is not
2 duplicative of other studies.

3 “(d) Consult with state and federal natural resource agencies to align
4 priorities and understand future forestry workforce needs.

5 “(e) Consult with state training and education agencies to fully under-
6 stand career pathways and training opportunities for the forestry workforce.

7 “(5) The commission may enter into a contract with a public or private
8 entity for the purpose of conducting the study described in this section.

9 “(6) The commission shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS
10 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to na-
11 tural resources, education and higher education no later than [*June 30,*
12 *2025*] **December 31, 2025**.

13 **“SECTION 11. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate**
14 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
15 **declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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